

What is Claimed is:

1. A method of unloading a battery group from a jig box including engaging the bottom of group on a support, releasing the grip of the jig box on the groups, raising the support and hence the group until a substantial portion of the group is clear of the jig box and gripping the raised group.

2. Apparatus for unloading a battery group of a group on a support, whilst the group is held in a jig box, means for releasing the groups within the jig box, means for raising the support to a level at which a substantial of a supported group would stand clear of the jig box and means for gripping the raised groups.

3. Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the support includes lateral abutments for preventing sideways movements of the groups during raising.

4. Apparatus for unloading groups with cast-on- straps from a jig box and for loading those groups into a battery box including apparatus for unloading as claimed in claim 2.